

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 100 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species IV as set forth in claims 1-4, 6-9, 13, 14, 49-55, 57-60, 62-69, 91, 92, and 99 as illustrated in drawing Figs. 4A and 4B.

Applicants consider claims 1-3, 6, 13 and 14 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of a generic claim, any claims depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on January 15, 2004 and April 4, 2005, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the Forms PTO/SB/08 be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same with the first Office Action on the merits.

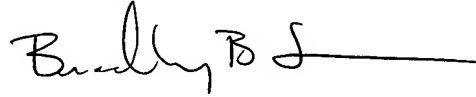
Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Applicants further note the filing of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement herewith that includes an English translation recently obtained of German Patent Publication DE 4411006A1.

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Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits of claims 1-4, 6-9, 13, 14, 49-55, 57-60, 62-69, 91, 92, and 99.

Respectfully submitted,

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